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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, along with Exhibits A, B, C, D and E;
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$700.00 to cover the extension of time and excess claims; and
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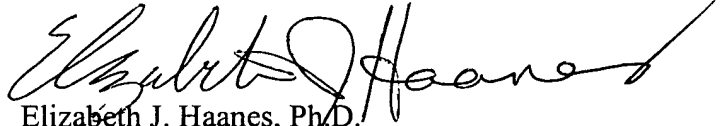
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